

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Attorney Docket No. 15886-477  
3COM Case No. 1705.CTO.US.C  
MBHB Case No. 01-229-A



In the application of: )  
Peter Si-Sheng Wang et al. )  
Serial No.: 09/686,124 )  
Filed: October 10, 2000 )  
For: METHOD APPARATUS AND )  
COMMUNICATION SYSTEM )  
FOR COMPANION )  
INFORMATION AND )  
NETWORK APPLIANCES )

Examiner: Marc D. Thompson  
Group Art Unit: 2144  
Confirmation No. 4296

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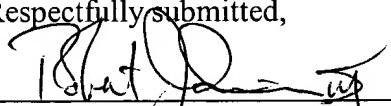
Dear Sir:

In regard to the above identified application,

1. I am transmitting herewith the attached:
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  - b) Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance;
  - c) Check for \$1,400.00; and
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Date: March 2, 2005

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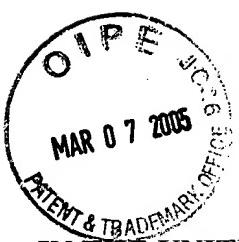
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## **COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

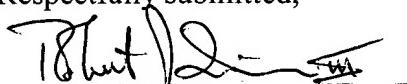
The Applicants express appreciation for the allowance of the claims in the application identified above. However, in an Office Action mailed June 22, 2004, the Examiner made statements in regard to Allowable Subject Matter, and in particular paraphrased some of the Applicants' claims. While the Applicants believe that the claims are allowable, the Applicants do not acquiesce that patentability resides in each feature, exactly as expressed in the claims or as expressed in the Examiner's paraphrasing of the claims, nor that each feature is required for patentability.

Further, in the Office Action mailed June 22, 2004, the Examiner rejected claims 76-90 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable.

over claims 1-75 of U.S. Patent No. 6,161,134. The Examiner indicated that although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because the differences between the claimed invention and the patented claims involve merely potential invocation of 35 U.S.C. §112, sixth paragraph, "means plus function" language. The Examiner further indicated that the Applicants admit the claim correlation and cited the Applicants' amendment filed on March 26, 2004, where the Applicants indicated that the "Applicant's new claims essentially track those claims that have already issued in Applicants' related case, United States Patent No. 6,161,134 issued to Wang et al., on December 12, 2000" (hereinafter "the statement"). The Examiner stated "This is clear and convincing evidence that the patented claims and the presented claims do not differ in scope beyond a trivial amount."

The Applicants made "the statement" to assist the Examiner by identifying an issued patent based on a parent application to which a claim for priority of the application being examined was made. However, the Applicants do not acquiesce that that patented claims and presented claims do not differ in scope beyond a trivial amount, nor that "the statement" is clear and convincing evidence that the patented claims and the presented claims do not differ in scope beyond a trivial amount.

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